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U.S. Chamber Honors Sen. Bill Nelson With 2002 "Spirit of Enterprise" Award *Nelson Backed Business on Key Congressional Votes*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation, today presented Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) with its 2002 "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for his strong support for a pro-business, pro-jobs agenda in the second session of the 107th Congress.

"In these challenging times, it is critical to have members of Congress fighting for American business and their employees," said Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber president and CEO. "Bill Nelson is a leader who has voted time and again to create jobs, improve our domestic security, and promote economic growth."

The Chamber presents the "Spirit of Enterprise" award based on rankings it gives to members of Congress for key business votes set out in its annual publication *How They Voted*. Votes included in the rankings are Chamber-designated "key votes"—recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber's board of directors on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote.

Members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at least 70 percent of key votes receive the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award. For the second session of the 107th Congress, the Chamber designated 20 Senate votes and 20 House votes as key votes.

Sen. Nelson earned a 70% score with the Chamber last year and has compiled a 57% cumulative ranking during his tenure in Congress. Key 2002 votes included trade promotion authority, terrorism insurance, and homeland security.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For a complete list of key votes and ratings for individual members of Congress, visit the Chamber's Web site at www.uschamber.com.